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MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor Kooiker and City Council

FROM: Terry Wolterstorff PE, Public Works Director

DATE: January 7, 2013

RE: Update on Landfill Odor – solutions moving forward

Karl Merbach provided an excellent report to the Public Works Committee on January 2, 2013 regarding the recent complaints on landfill odors. In addition to that report I would offer the following comments on solutions moving forward to reduce and better control odors from the landfill. Following the recent complaints, all air scrubbing equipment was inspected and any deficiencies were corrected. Solid Waste staff will be conducting new air quality sampling to compare with previous sampling conducted in November 2011. Based on that analysis, additional corrections will be made if necessary. In addition we plan to proceed with an RFP for architectural/engineering services to enclose the co-composting refining area. We believe that proper maintenance and monitoring of the existing system and the enclosure of the refining area will help reduce odor complaints. We will bring forward an additional report on the results of our efforts in approximately 60 days. If you have any complaints brought to your attention please contact the Solid Waste Facility immediately so we can address the issue.

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